

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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INGREDIENTS OF BABY FOOD PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to assess the ingredients of baby foods manufactured by various companies in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome of such assessment; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure complete hygiene in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b) There is no such proposal to assess the ingredients of baby foods manufactured by various companies in the country.
- (c) The standards of infant milk food, infant formula, milk cereal based complementary food, processed cereal based complementary food, follow-up formula-complementary food have been prescribed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 wherein it has been provided that no person shall manufacture, sell, store or exhibit for sale of food meant for infant except under Bureau of Indian Standards Certification.